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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in regard to your recent proposal involving medical latex surgeon's and patient examination gloves. As a dental hygienist that experiences Type I allergic reaction from latex gloves I am very interested in this most important issue.

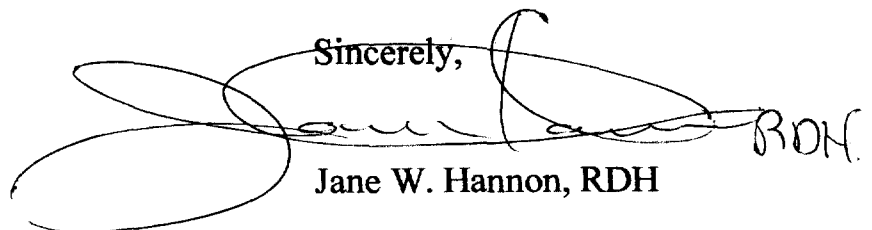
I applaud your proposal to reclassify these gloves as Class II from the present Class I category. The addition of caution labels and expiration dates will be an advantage to all health care worker and their patients.

I would however like to see a total ban on the use of powder in latex gloves. The limit of 120 mg per glove will be helpful, but as a health care-worker who experiences an asthmatic reaction from inhaling glove powder, I am still uncomfortable around any gloves with any powder. We do not know what level of powder is safe.

With the availability of powder-free gloves and latex-free alternatives, I would hope that we could ban all powdered gloves as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

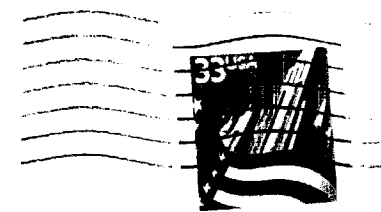


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